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April 13, 2007

Chairman Douglas Bosco
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Adobe Creek Fish Barrier Removal, File 07-024-01

Dear *Doug* Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District's proposal to the California State Coastal Conservancy to fund the **Adobe Creek Fish Passage Barrier** removal project.

This project is part of a larger effort by several different resource groups to conduct restoration in the name of preserving our state's unique resources. The NOAA Restoration Center, United Anglers of Casa Grande, the Resource Conservation District, and many other community groups have completed a riparian fencing project to exclude livestock from damaging the creek to other riparian planting and fish passage projects which complement the current effort on Adobe Creek.

This fish passage project is located on Adobe Creek Vineyards, which is owned and managed by Fred and Nancy Cline. The Clines are donating the cost of the new replacement bridge which will allow natural passage of the native trout that inhabit the stream to get to the areas they spawn in.

This project will open up almost three miles of prime area for the fish to breed in and the efforts will be monitored by the dedicated United Anglers of Casa Grande, who have been monitoring these creeks for many years.

It is my sincere hope that this projected will be fully funded so that one day the community, which is working hard to restore this and other creeks in the 6th Assembly District, will be able to benefit from the return of one of this area's most unique natural treasures.

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Again, I urge your support for this proposal. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Jared Huffman
Assemblymember, 6th District

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Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Attention: Jeff Melby

Subject: Adobe Creek Fish Barrier Removal, File 07-024-01

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing in support of the Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District's proposal to the California State Coastal Conservancy. Approval of this funding will reestablish access to 2.5 miles of the stream for use by the federally threatened Central California Coast Steelhead Trout. Opening up fish passage to historic nesting and rearing areas is one of the most vital actions we can take to support the reestablishment of large populations of the Central California Coast Steelhead in the area.

This project involves a collaborative effort between many different partners including the RCD, the NOAA Restoration Center, the United Anglers of Casa Grande High School, the California Conservation Corps and Adobe Creek Vineyards. The landowners have generously agreed to pay for the installation of a new bridge that will have structural supports outside of the stream, thus allowing fish to move up and downstream freely.

This is the kind of community stewardship and citizen involvement that will go a long way in restoring the native species and waterways that make Sonoma County one of the most naturally majestic places in the world.

I encourage you to fully fund the Adobe Creek Fish Barrier Removal project for the benefit of this great community and its unique natural resources. Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact my office at (415)479-6612 more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carole Migden".

Carole Migden
State Senator, 3rd District



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April 6, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: File No. 07-024-01 *Cline Vineyards Fish Passage Barrier Removal Project*

Dear Mr. Bosco:

This is a letter of support from the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) for this important fish passage barrier removal project. Adobe Creek provides some of the highest quality steelhead habitat in the Petaluma River watershed. This project would most certainly improve migration for both adult and juvenile salmonids and allow passage to an additional 2.6 miles of spawning and rearing habitat.

CDFG funded a fish passage barrier project at the Adobe Road Bridge in 2001/2002 where Washington Baffles were installed in the culvert and boulder weirs were installed in the channel downstream of the culvert. This barrier retrofit was implemented first as it was the most downstream barrier in Adobe Creek, recognizing that the Cline Vineyards bridge is an impassable barrier and it's removal necessary to ensure steelhead access to the highest quality habitat in Adobe Creek. CDFG is appreciative of NMFS', United Anglers', and Cline Cellars' efforts in developing an acceptable plan and proposal.

In addition to the restoration and biological benefits of this project, partnering with the high school students of United Anglers of Casa Grande High School and the California Conservation Corps (CCC) is a highlight of this proposal. Teacher, Tom Furrer, and his students have worked passionately over the last two decades to restore Adobe Creek and preserve the steelhead run. Providing restoration opportunities for the CCC is beneficial to both the young Corpsmembers and the project proponents. CCC labor costs are very reasonable and the on-the-job skills training is invaluable.

If you wish to discuss this further, please call me at (707) 299-9299.

Thank you for your consideration of this worthy and important project.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gail Seymour".

Gail Seymour
Associate Biologist/Watershed Planner

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